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Can See Giants Only
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Hitters Weak.
The Giants were carefully selected to see one who is what a dangerous hitter. Murray and me to be the leading hitters. I like the way he stands and his batting average is better than as easy for him as a man.

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PHILADELPHIA ATHLETICS, WHO ARE VICTORS IN THE 1913 AMERICAN LEAGUE PENNANT RACE



'BUCK' WEAVER HAS GOSSIP TO PEDDLE

Foxy Old Backstop Tells Home Folks About Union Association Boys.

A recent issue of the Rocky Mountain News contains an eye-filling account of the life of "Buck" Weaver, 1912 manager of the Salt Lake team, and this year catcher for the Great Falls team. The News adds some guesses of its own to the things "Buck" took home with him. For example, the News says the Salt Lake grandstand was set on fire by local fans as a manifestation of their indignation at losing the pennant. Some of the gossip the News has follows:

"Buck" Weaver returned home last week from Great Falls, Mont. His team won the pennant in the Union Association under the management of "Sid" Hester. Three of "Buck's" pitchers went to the majors—Williams, Duffy and Dell. The best pitcher in the league was also sent to Pittsburgh by Great Falls. He was Fred Kelly, Jack Hendricks' recruit that he farmed to Great Falls at the beginning of this season. Under "Buck's" tuition Kelly changed his style of hitting and soon began to improve. Kelly hit about .275 and "Buck" rejoined the team last June, after a trip to Denver for his health, asthma beginning to trouble him in the Union Association towns.

After Weaver rejoined the Great Falls team, Kelly began to increase his hitting percentage and the pitchers began to steady down and develop. Soon the big league scouts began to notice the success of the Great Falls pitchers and in a short time they were grabbed up like hot cakes. Kelly became the best outfielder in the league, beating out infield bingles with great springing. In fact, he was the best man to get on in the Union Association. His hitting increased from .275 to .325 and .400, and he became the pick of the Union Association.

Kelly's Mentor.
Hendricks paid considerable attention to Kelly during the first part of the season, but the outfielder was not showing any improvement over the form displayed on the spring training trip from the Bears' manager lost track of him, failing to exercise the option at the proper time, thus

WORLD PENNANT HAS HAD VARIED CAREER

Ten States Have Had Honor of Flying Championship Flag.

NEW YORK, Oct. 4.—Twenty-one times have the pennant winners of the country fought for the world's championship on the diamond.

The world's series will pass its twentieth birthday, however, with the fortieth coming contest between the Athletics and Athletics. It first came into being in New York in 1884, when Providence, winner of the National league pennant, played the victorious Metropolitan—New York's standard bearers of the old American association. There were lapses in 1891 and 1893 and a big gap from 1893 to 1903, inclusive, and still another lapse in 1904 when no games were played, but from 1884 to the present, barring these intermissions, the post-season fight for the apex of the baseball world has been an established custom.

The flag has flown in ten states during this short generation. Once it strayed west of the Mississippi river and breasted from a flagstaff in the St. Louis park of the American association. This was in 1888, twenty-seven years ago. It stayed there but one season, came back to Detroit and never since has crossed the Father of Waters.

Flag Without a Home.
A flag without a home, it has floated over eleven cities. Providence, Chicago, St. Louis, Detroit, New York, Louisville, Boston, Cleveland, Baltimore, Philadelphia and Philadelphia—all have sent forth, from time to time, clubs that have fought victorious battles for the trophy. One hundred and thirty-four games have stamped these teams in various years premier baseball players of the world in no uncertain brand. Nearly three-fourths of the games have gone to the winners, although of recent years the contests have been closer than they were in the babyhood of the fight.

Ninety-seven of the 134 games have been won by the teams which captured the flag. Thirty-seven have gone to the losers. Fifteen times a National league club has won the flag; once the old American association captured it; five times it has floated over an American league park. In fact, the American league clubs have won its keeper five times out of nine years in which the American and National league clubs have played for it. For the past three years it has been won by an American league park.

First winners of the world championship were the Providence team, which defeated the New York three straight games. The next year, 1885, the flag went to Chicago, Chicago and St. Louis fought again for the

M'GRAW THINKS HE HAS BETTER CHANCE

Giants' Manager Says His Team Is in Very Best of Form.

NEW YORK, Oct. 4.—"Our team is playing snappy, aggressive ball at present, and it is my opinion that we have a better chance for premier honors than in 1911 against the Athletics or 1912 against Boston," said John J. McGraw, manager of the Giants, tonight. "I believe the team is stronger and that the players are in better condition."

"I have a very high opinion of 'Connie' Mack and realize that it will be a stubbornly contested series. Mack has an able assistant in Harry Davis, and these two generals will get all there is out of the men."

"With Demaree in the form he is in, he will be a hard proposition to beat. Tetreau is also going along well, while 'Matty' is always at his best in a close battle. Marquard won two of the contests last year and should pitch well."

"No, I cannot make even a guess at present who will twirl the first game. As for the Athletics' pitchers, Bender and Plank are veterans, and these two have been the main stand-bys of a hard campaign. Coombs will be missed by Mack."

"We will be in the fight from start to finish and the Giants will give the Athletics the argument of their lives for the honors."

PITCHING SELECTIONS ARE ALREADY PUZZLE

Who will pitch the third battle? If Mack uses Bender and Plank at the start, will he call on Shawkey, Brown, or another youngster? If McGraw uses Mathewson and Marquard for the first two games, will he push in Tetreau or Demaree? Or will he use Tetreau and Demaree for one of the first two games and save 'Matty' or Marquard for the third? A logical selection would seem to be:

First game—Tetreau vs. Bender.
Second game—Marquard vs. Plank.
Third game—Demaree vs. Shawkey.
Fourth game—Tetreau vs. Bender.
Fifth game—Mathewson vs. —. You can search us.

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ODDS ON WORLD'S AND CHICAGO SERIES

7 to 5 Athletics and Sox win. Even money Giants, Athletics, Sox or Cubs win. 2 to 1 Bender does not win one game. 4 to 1 Bender does not win two games. 7 to 5 Mathewson does not win one game. 3 to 1 Mathewson does not win two games. 2 to 1 Walsh does not win one game. Even money Walsh does not win first game he starts. 25 to 1 series goes over four games. 2 to 1 series does not go seven games. 100 to 1 Giants do not win four straight.

1913.
New York.....125
St. Louis.....100
Chicago.....80
Cleveland.....60
Detroit.....50
Philadelphia.....40
Pittsburgh.....30
Boston.....20
Brooklyn.....10
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St. Louis.....100
Chicago.....80
Cleveland.....60
Detroit.....50
Philadelphia.....40
Pittsburgh.....30
Boston.....20
Brooklyn.....10

1911.
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St. Louis.....100
Chicago.....80
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1910.
New York.....125
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Philadelphia.....40
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New York.....125
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1906.
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1900.
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1899.
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St. Louis.....100
Chicago.....80
Cleveland.....60
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Pittsburgh.....30
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1898.
New York.....125
St. Louis.....100
Chicago.....80
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1897.
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HOW TEAMS COMPARE IN HITTING ABILITY

Famous Offensive Strength of Athletics May Have Slumped Since 1911.

Much has been typewritten and twittered regarding the offensive strength of the Philadelphia Athletics, but only by a comparison with the championship teams of the past can a full appreciation of their batting ability be reached, says Harry Williams in the Los Angeles Times.

The 1911 Athletics, with a team percentage of .287, comprised the hardest-hitting combination since the Pittsburgh Pirates of 1902, who put on their mauling monoclones for a mark of .288. The Brooklyn club of 1899 was a hard-hitting bunch, and finished the season with a team average of .277.

The nearest approach to this mark in the past ten years was by the Boston Americans, who hit for .282 in 1903. The offensive strength of the Athletics today, however, is hardly equal to that displayed in 1911, when the Mack-men beat the Giants. That year Mack had seven men in the 400 class, while today there are but five in that charmed circle. Collins is now hitting .325 as against .305 in 1911, but Baker and McInnes are now rapping the ball harder than they were two years ago; or it may be more correct to say, with greater frequency.

Importance of Hitting.
That great offensive strength is of less importance than well-balanced teamwork and effective pitching is clearly shown by the once great Chicago Cubs, four times winners in the National league.

In none of its championship years did Chicago have a team percentage above .265.

Chicago's next biggest team mark was in 1906, when the team failed for a figure of .252. That year the Athletics won the world's series to the White Sox, who didn't boast a .300 hitter and who had a team average of only .228.

The Cubs won their two world's championships when they were at the lowest ebb in their attackwork. In 1907, when they beat Detroit the first time, they did not have a .300 hitter and had a team mark of only .250. In 1908, when they walked the Tigers a second time, Evers was the only player in the .300 class, and the team as a whole hit for .249.

Without .300 Hitters.
The Athletics, when they won the American league championship in 1905, and lost the world's title to the Giants, did not sport a .300 hitter.

The Cubs, the White Sox and the Athletics enjoy the distinction of being the only teams in the past dozen years to win a championship without the aid of a .300 hitter.

The New York Giants seem in a fair way to repeat the feat. At last accounts McGraw didn't have a man in the .300 class. Meyers, his prize hitter, being four points below that mark.

Hereafter are presented the .300 hitters on the championship clubs since 1901:

N. L. Champions.	A. L. Champions.
Wagner.....191	Callahan.....133
Beaman.....182	Johnson.....124
Clark.....128	Hartman.....85
Club average......277	Club average......275
1907.	1905.
Beaman.....131	L. Cross.....127
Sebring.....120	Seibolt.....127
Wagner.....115	Christensen.....85
Clark.....114	Murphy.....74
Brantford.....109	Pulis.....122
Club average......250	Club average......252
1906.	1904.
Beaman.....131	St. Louis.....127
Sebring.....120	Seibolt.....127
Wagner.....115	Dougherty.....127
Clark.....114	Young.....129
Brantford.....109	Club average.....129
Club average......252	Club average......252
1905.	1903.
Beaman.....131	St. Louis.....127
Sebring.....120	Seibolt.....127
Wagner.....115	Dougherty.....127
Clark.....114	Young.....129
Brantford.....109	Club average.....129
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1904.	1902.
Beaman.....131	St. Louis.....127
Sebring.....120	Seibolt.....127
Wagner.....115	Dougherty.....127
Clark.....114	Young.....129
Brantford.....109	Club average.....129
Club average......252	Club average......252
1903.	1901.
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Sebring.....120	Seibolt.....127
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1902.	1900.
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1901.	1899.
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JOE JACKSON PICKS GIANTS AS WINNERS

"The Athletics will lose the world's series this year because of a weak pitching staff. I look for the Giants to win our straight games," declares Joe Jackson, the hard-hitting Naplander.

"Connie Mack's two best pitchers are Ed Plank and Chas. Bender. Of the two, Ed Plank looks the better. He will be effective as he always is."

"Plank is tired from overwork, and unless the few days' rest he got before the series has given his arm the needed strength he will go into the series stale."

"Joe Bush, one of Mack's youngsters, won't last over three innings if the Giants wait him out and don't hit until they have to. Bush strains every nerve and muscle in his body at every throw. He can't stand nine innings."

"Carroll Brown doesn't use his best ball. He has a splitter as good as any pitcher I ever looked at when it is working right, and the spit ball is hard to hit. But Brown doesn't mix it enough with his other stuff. His curves and fast ball aren't enough."

"Shawkey, Mack's third youngster, won't last any longer than Brown. Shawkey's pitching might hold out, but the crowd in New York will get his nerve."

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